

## Farm Agronomic Practices (FAP) Agronomic Training Grant Application

The goal of the FAP Grant Program is to encourage the implementation of soil-based practices that improve soil quality, increase crop production, and reduce erosion and agricultural waste discharges. The Agronomic Training Grant specifically provides instructional activity grants to support Vermont farmers and service providers to attend in-state, out-of-state, or international educational events that focus on at least one of the following:

- State and federal agricultural water quality regulations
- The impacts of agricultural wastes on water quality, and/or
- Best practices to reduce agricultural impacts to water quality.

Activities must be primarily instructional. Attendance at lobbying or advocacy-focused events is ineligible for funding.

Grants can support up to 100% of eligible costs, as documented based on receipts/invoices. Individuals are limited to \$2,000 in funding per state fiscal year through this initiative.

This application must be fully completed and submitted to the Agency at least 45 days prior to the date of the training event.

### Applicant Information

1. Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ (As shown on your income tax return form)

Farmer                      Agricultural Service Provider                      Non-Profit Organization                      Other

2. Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ (If different from above)

3. Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

4. Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

5. Email \_\_\_\_\_ (If email address is provided, follow-up will occur via email)

### Educational or Instructional Activity Information

6. Event/Training Name: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Event/Training Location \_\_\_\_\_

8. Event/Training Date \_\_\_\_\_

### ACTIVITIES CANNOT OCCUR PRIOR TO PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE. PLEASE FULLY COMPLETE THE NEXT PAGE.

*This grant application must be fully completed, signed, and submitted to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food, and Markets, hereby referred to as the Agency, for eligibility. If selected, you will be notified by the Agency. You must submit a notice of practice completion and a claim for payment to the Agency within 60 days of activity completion in order to receive grant funds.*

*If your organization or business is currently receiving funding through the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets Agricultural Clean Water Initiative Program (AG-CWIP), funding may be denied unless justification of additional funding need is approved by VAAFMM.*

*To be eligible for funding the participant must be in good standing with the Agency of Agriculture regarding regulatory requirements and resulting penalties. Funds are dependent on State allocation and are prioritized and distributed by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets.*

Type to Sign: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**Educational and Instructional Activities Description**

**10. Activity Overview:** Please describe the activity you are seeking grant funds to support.

**11. Items for Reimbursement:** Please list the estimated costs you are seeking grant funds to support. The Agency cannot provide grant funding for any food or beverage purchases.

ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>TOTAL FUNDING REQUESTED</b>	\$

**12. Learning Topics:** Please list the topics to be addressed in the educational or instructional activity.

**13. Water Quality Improvement:** Please indicate how grant funding for this activity will inform the farmers and citizens of Vermont of the impact on Vermont waters of agricultural waste discharges, federal and state agricultural water quality regulations and requirements and/or best practices to reduce agricultural impacts to water quality.

**14. INCLUDE SUPPORTING MATERIALS:** Please attach any learning materials, presentations, or otherwise relevant documents for support of this application. If the applicant is providing an educational opportunity and wishes to use their own post event survey rather than the template to be provided by the Agency of Agriculture, Food and Markets, please include this with your application.